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SUBJECT: GENERAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED NOTE.

QUOTE. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE GENERAL SECURITY OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, WHICH WAS FORMALIZED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON MAY 1, 1962, AND TO A RELATED MEMORANDUM SIGNED ON THE SAME DATE WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

"BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON MAY 1, 1962, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT RECORDING BASIC SECURITY PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE EXCHANGE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AFFIRMED ON BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS THAT NEITHER THE EXISTENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT NOR ITS TEXT, NOR ANY PORTION THEREOF, CONFIDENTIAL

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SHALL BE MADE PUBLIC BY EITHER GOVERNMENT WITHOUT

PRIOR CONSENT OF THE OTHER, AND THAT THE EXISTENCE AND TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE SAFEGUARDED AS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT."

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WISHES TO NOTE IN A PUBLIC DOCUMENT THE EXISTENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF LISTING IT WITH SIMILAR AGREEMENTS WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS ENTERED INTO WITH OTHER NATIONS. NOTING THAT THE EXISTENCE OF NONE OF THE OTHER AGREEMENTS IS IN ITSELF TREATED AS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS NO OBJECTION TO MAKING PUBLIC THE EXISTENCE OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THE MEMORANDUM QUOTED ABOVE BE CANCELED TO PERMIT DISCLOSURE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE AGREEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, NEITHER THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT NOR ANY PORTION THEREOF SHALL BE MADE PUBLIC BY EITHER GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT OF THE OTHER. THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE SAFEGUARDED AS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE EMBASSY HAS THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THE MINISTRY'S REPLY TO THAT EFFECT AND THE EMBASSY'S NOTE TOGETHER CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF THE MINISTRY'S REPLY.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.
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